

REMARKS

Claims 5-12 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

SPECIFICATION

Applicant amends the specification at page 10, line 10 to correct a minor typographical error. No new matter is added.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 5-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Wachob et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 4,810,471). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 5 and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Nakano (U.S. Pat. No. 6,006,800). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 5 to 8 are amended. Support for the amendments can be found on page 7, lines 23 to 24. Claim 5 calls for an inkjet head. Applicant respectfully submits that neither Wachob nor Nakano discloses or suggests an inkjet head. Rather, Wachob discloses a vacuum manifold and Nakano discloses automatic distribution. The claimed inkjet head is advantageous over the vacuum manifold of Wachob and the automatic distribution of Nakano in that the liquid filling apparatus of claim 5 can dispense a smaller amount of liquid than the devices of the cited references.

NEW CLAIMS

Applicant adds new claims 9-12. Support for the subject matter of the new claims can be found at least in Fig. 2A and the corresponding description in the specification. No new matter is added.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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